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DATE : 19 MAY 54

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TO : DIRECTOR

CIA HISTORICAL REVIEW PROGRAM
RELEASE AS SANITIZED

FROM : GUATEMALA CITY

ACTION: WH (PDC) (1-3)

2003

INFO : DCI (4), D/DCI (5), DD/P (L) (6), WH (7), SA/PC/DCI (8), A/DD/P/P (9)

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ROUTINE

TO: (PRITY) SLINC

INFO: DIR

PRECEDENCE

CITE: SGUAT

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RE: DIR 01050 (OUT 95602)

1. AVAILABLE SOURCES TENDING INDICATE MANY WSBURNT ARMY OFFICERS, THOUGH AS SOLDIERS GLAD RECEIVE ARMS, HAVE GRAVE MISGIVINGS ABOUT RECENT SHIPMENT. AMONG REASONS FOR MISGIVINGS ARE:

A. HAS DRAMATICALLY DEMONSTRATED CLOSENESS OF GOVT TO SOVIET.

B. FEAR THAT PRESENT MISSION WILL BE REPLACED BY HORDES OF SOVIET OR SATELLITE INSTRUCTORS WHO MIGHT DO ANYTHING INCLUDING DISPLACING EVEN THE WSBURNT OFFICERS.

C. THAT SHIPMENT IS SHOCKING EVIDENCE THAT SOVIET AND COMMIES INTEND COMPLETELY TAKE OVER WSBURNT.

D. THAT ODYOKE CANNOT TOLERATE SITUATION AND WILL BE FORCED TAKE DRASTIC ACTION WITH TERRIBLE CONSEQUENCES TO WSBURNT.

2. WE WILL TRY EXPLOIT UNEASINESS BY RUMOR, BLACK

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PROPAGANDA, ETC.

3. INDICATIONS ARE MANY OFFICERS WOULD TURN AGAINST GOVT IF STRONG DRAMATIC ANTI GOVT ACTION STARTS.

4. C J TOLD ESQUIRE NIGHT 18 MAY THAT SMILAX NOW APPROACHABLE. B-2. SOURCES PARA 1 AND 3 ESPERANCE, ESPERANCE-1, ESPERANCE-3. EVAL: B-3.

END OF MESSAGE

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